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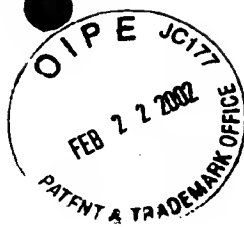
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U.S. Patent No. 4,054,523.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,039,430.

U.S. Patent No. 5,039,482.

U.S. Patent No. 5,049,146.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 5-317420. An English-language  
abstract of this document is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the  
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